OPINION

It's time for a clean sweep at City Hall

Relax, Republicans and Democrats, we're not referring to political offices. We'll save our thoughts on that matter for another time. This week we're talking about the kind of sweeping that requires a broom and dust pan.

Now that spring weather is approaching, it's time for everyone to start cleaning up the grime and litter deposited during the winter. Right now the streets, sidewalks and yards of most places we see are filthy.

We certainly don't blame our city officials for the dirt and litter. They didn't put it there. The only reason that we have litter all over the place is because there are a lot of slobs in the Carbondale area who think nothing of throwing beer bottles on sidewalks, candy wrappers out of their car windows, etc., etc.

Nevertheless, our city officials are the appropriate people to initiate a spring cleanup campaign. A plan should be developed to restrict on-street parking on specific dates to permit the street sweeper to clean the entire streets, not just the middle. Arrangements should also be made for street department crews to pick up piles of dirt swept up by local residents.

Now is the time to begin cleaning up our citites. Everyone can plainly see that we need a good scrubbing!